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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF CONFISCATION OF NDP DEMOCRATIC FRONT
NEWSPAPER

REF: SEOUL 7925

1. SUMMARY: MOST MAJOR PAPERS PUBLISHED REPORTS OF ROKG
CONFISCATION OF NDP DEMOCRATIC FRONT NEWSPAPER. END SUMMARY.

2. PAPERS CARRIED MINOR FRONTPAGE COVERAGE EVENING OF 9/6 AND
MORNING OF 9/7 OF CONFISCATION OF NDP NEWSPAPER BASED ON NDP
STATEMENTS. ACCORDING TO REPORTS, AUTHORITIES BROKE INTO NDP
HEADQUARTERS SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT ON THE MORNING OF 9/6 AND
CONFISCATED 45,000 OR 47,000 COPIES OF DEMOCRATIC FRONT NEWSPAPER
AFTER PICKING UP THE CHIEF OF THE PUBLICITY BUREAU AND
THE PAPER EDITOR THE EVENING OF 9/5 FOR QUESTIONING. THE REASON
GIVEN FOR THE SEIZURE WAS THAT THE CONTENTS OF THE PAPER WERE A
VIOLATION OF EM-9. THE TWO PARTY MEMBERS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY
RELEASED. THE NDP SENT A DELEGATION TO CALL ON THE PRIME
MINISTER TO DEMAND AN APOLOGY AND THE RETURN OF THE PAPERS.
THE PRIME MINISTER REPORTEDLY DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF THE
INCIDENT, ALTHOUGH THE HANKOOK ILBO QUOTED HIM AS
SAYING, "IF YOU HADN'T VIOLATED THE LAW THIS MATTER
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WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED".

3. NO EDITORIAL COMMENT, ALTHOUGH SEVERAL PAPERS HAVE
CARRIED ITEMS IN THEIR GOSSIP COLUMNS. THE CHOSUN ILBO
QUOTED LEE CHUL SEUNC: "IF WE CAN'T PUBLISH THE PARTY
PAPER, HOW CAN WE HAVE A CLEAN ELECTION?" ACCORDING
TO THE DONGA ILBO, LEE COMPARED THE SITUATION TO A GAME

OF BADOOK AND SAID THE GOVERNMENT, WHILE CONCENTRATING
ON STRENGTHENING ITS OWN POSITION, WILL ONLY HELP TO
INCREASE THE NDP'S POPULARITY.
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